

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

May 2007

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended May 19, 2007, there were 509,000 persons employed in Saskatchewan during May 2007, an increase of 14,600 from April 2007 and 12,900 more than the number employed in May 2006.

Agricultural employment was 47,600 persons in May 2007, up 4,100 from the April 2007 level and 4,800 less than the May 2006 agricultural employment level of 52,400. Non-agricultural employment was 461,400 persons in May 2007. This is an increase of 10,500 from the April 2007 non-agriculture employment level of 450,900 and 17,700 more than May 2006.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for May 2007 was 4.3 percent. This is an increase of 0.0 percentage points from the April 2007 rate of 4.3 percent but 0.1 percentage points lower than the May 2006 level of 4.4 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 15,200 to 531,800 persons in May 2007 from 516,600 persons in April 2007. This is 13,000 more than the May 2006 labour force of 518,800 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 2.0 percentage points to 71.0 percent in May 2007 from 69.0 percent in April 2007. The May 2006 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.6 percent.

There were 22,800 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during May 2007. This is an increase of 600 from April 2007 but is equal to the number unemployed in May 2006.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 501,100 persons employed in Saskatchewan in May 2007, down 3,300 from the April 2007 level of 504,400 but is up 12,800 from the May 2006 employment level of 488,300 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for May 2007 was 4.5 percent. This is an increase of 0.6 percentage points from the April 2007 rate of 3.9 percent but 0.3 percentage points lower than the May 2006 rate of 4.8 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 388,200 persons in May 2007 to 16,963,900 persons from 16,575,700 persons in April 2007. In May 2006, there were 16,676,000 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.2 percentage points to 6.1 percent from the April 2007 level of 6.3 percent. In May 2006, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.1 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.1 percent in May 2007. This is 0.0 percentage points higher than April 2007 and unchanged from the May 2006 level of 6.1 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	<u>May</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>CANADA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	18,060.6	17,699.4	17,767.6	361.2	293.0
Employed ('000)	16,963.9	16,575.7	16,676.0	388.2	287.9
Full-Time ('000)	13,916.2	13,410.1	13,751.3	506.1	164.9
Part-Time ('000)	3,047.8	3,165.6	2,924.7	-117.8	123.1
Unemployed ('000)	1,096.7	1,123.7	1,091.5	-27.0	5.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	6.3	6.1	-0.2	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.1	6.1	6.1	0.0	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	68.1	66.9	68.0	1.2	0.1
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	531.8	516.6	518.8	15.2	13.0
Employed ('000)	509.0	494.4	496.1	14.6	12.9
Full-Time ('000)	412.3	393.1	409.3	19.2	3.0
Part-Time ('000)	96.7	101.4	86.8	-4.7	9.9
Unemployed ('000)	22.8	22.2	22.8	0.6	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.3	4.4	0.0	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.5	3.9	4.8	0.6	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	71.0	69.0	69.6	2.0	1.4
<u>ALBERTA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,042.0	1,997.7	1,966.3	44.3	75.7
Employed ('000)	1,964.0	1,927.9	1,899.2	36.1	64.8
Full-Time ('000)	1,651.0	1,600.5	1,600.3	50.5	50.7
Part-Time ('000)	313.0	327.4	298.9	-14.4	14.1
Unemployed ('000)	78.0	69.8	67.1	8.2	10.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.8	3.5	3.4	0.3	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	3.8	3.4	3.4	0.4	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	74.7	73.3	74.8	1.4	-0.1
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	634.7	618.9	619.0	15.8	15.7
Employed ('000)	604.5	587.0	596.5	17.5	8.0
Full-Time ('000)	482.8	463.0	483.5	19.8	-0.7
Part-Time ('000)	121.6	124.0	113.0	-2.4	8.6
Unemployed ('000)	30.2	31.9	22.5	-1.7	7.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	5.2	3.6	-0.4	1.2
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.2	4.8	4.1	0.4	1.1
Participation Rate (%)	70.7	69.0	69.4	1.7	1.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>May</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u>	531.8	516.6	518.8	15.2	13.0
Male	285.8	275.9	279.7	9.9	6.1
Female	246.0	240.7	239.1	5.3	6.9
15-24 Years of Age	104.6	94.5	100.8	10.1	3.8
25+ Years of age	427.1	422.1	418.1	5.0	9.0
<u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u>	509.0	494.4	496.1	14.6	12.9
Male	273.0	261.9	266.0	11.1	7.0
Female	236.1	232.5	230.0	3.6	6.1
15-24 Years of Age	95.9	86.7	92.4	9.2	3.5
25+ Years of age	413.1	407.7	403.7	5.4	9.4
<u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u>	22.8	22.2	22.8	0.6	0.0
Male	12.8	13.9	13.7	-1.1	-0.9
Female	9.9	8.2	9.1	1.7	0.8
15-24 Years of Age	8.7	7.8	8.4	0.9	0.3
25+ Years of age	14.0	14.4	14.4	-0.4	-0.4
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT</u>					
<u>RATE (%)</u>	4.3	4.3	4.4	0.0	-0.1
Male	4.5	5.0	4.9	-0.5	-0.4
Female	4.0	3.4	3.8	0.6	0.2
15-24 Years of Age	8.3	8.3	8.3	0.0	0.0
25+ Years of age	3.3	3.4	3.4	-0.1	-0.1
<u>PARTICIPATION</u>					
<u>RATE (%)</u>	71.0	69.0	69.6	2.0	1.4
	77.3	74.7	76.0	2.6	1.3
Female	64.8	63.4	63.2	1.4	1.6
15-24 Years of Age	76.1	68.8	73.1	7.3	3.0
25+ Years of age	69.8	69.1	68.8	0.7	1.0

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	<u>May</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u>					
Agriculture	47.6	43.5	52.4	4.1	-4.8
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	21.6	20.0	20.3	1.6	1.3
Utilities	3.7	3.5	4.6	0.2	-0.9
Construction	30.2	28.4	30.7	1.8	-0.5
Manufacturing	31.4	30.1	28.1	1.3	3.3
Trade	83.5	85.6	79.2	-2.1	4.3
Transportation and Warehousing	25.5	23.8	25.1	1.7	0.4
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	25.9	26.1	25.4	-0.2	0.5
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	22.5	21.0	19.2	1.5	3.3
Business, Building and Other Support Services	12.8	9.4	13.7	3.4	-0.9
Educational Services	41.9	42.3	40.2	-0.4	1.7
Health Care and Social Assistance	62.7	61.8	60.0	0.9	2.7
Information, Culture and Recreation	18.7	18.3	20.7	0.4	-2.0
Accommodation and Food Services	31.8	30.0	28.9	1.8	2.9
Other Services	21.7	23.0	19.8	-1.3	1.9
Public Administration	27.4	27.6	27.6	-0.2	-0.2
Total	509.0	494.4	496.1	14.6	12.9
<u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u>					
Full-Time	412.3	393.1	409.3	19.2	3.0
Part-Time	96.7	101.4	86.8	-4.7	9.9
<u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u>					
Employees	411.6	400.4	396.9	11.2	14.7
Public Sector	123.9	122.9	125.7	1.0	-1.8
Private Sector	287.7	277.5	271.2	10.2	16.5
Self-Employed	97.5	94.0	99.2	3.5	-1.7

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>May</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	16,963.9	16,575.7	16,676.0	388.2	287.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	222.2	207.7	220.0	14.5	2.2
Prince Edward Island	71.8	65.8	72.7	6.0	-0.9
Nova Scotia	454.6	442.5	451.8	12.1	2.8
New Brunswick	367.3	349.9	365.0	17.4	2.3
Quebec	3,862.0	3,785.4	3,789.4	76.6	72.6
Ontario	6,634.0	6,489.2	6,582.9	144.8	51.1
Manitoba	604.5	587.0	596.5	17.5	8.0
Saskatchewan	509.0	494.4	496.1	14.6	12.9
Alberta	1,964.0	1,927.9	1,899.2	36.1	64.8
British Columbia	2,274.6	2,225.9	2,202.6	48.7	72.0
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	6.1	6.3	6.1	-0.2	0.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.7	15.5	15.9	-1.8	-2.2
Prince Edward Island	8.8	13.0	8.8	-4.2	0.0
Nova Scotia	8.1	8.9	8.0	-0.8	0.1
New Brunswick	8.2	8.8	9.0	-0.6	-0.8
Quebec	6.9	7.6	7.6	-0.7	-0.7
Ontario	6.5	6.6	6.1	-0.1	0.4
Manitoba	4.8	5.2	3.6	-0.4	1.2
Saskatchewan	4.3	4.3	4.4	0.0	-0.1
Alberta	3.8	3.5	3.4	0.3	0.4
British Columbia	4.4	4.6	4.9	-0.2	-0.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**(3 Month Moving Average)**

	<u>Mar-May</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Feb-Apr</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Mar-May</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Change from</u>	
				<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
CANADIAN CITIES					
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
St. John's	7.6	7.3	8.9	0.3	-1.3
Halifax	5.8	5.2	5.6	0.6	0.2
Saint John	5.1	4.2	6.6	0.9	-1.5
Quebec	5.1	5.4	4.6	-0.3	0.5
Montreal	6.7	7.1	8.9	-0.4	-2.2
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.5	5.2	5.1	0.3	0.4
Greater Sudbury	5.8	5.4	7.3	0.4	-1.5
Toronto	7.0	6.8	6.4	0.2	0.6
Winnipeg	5.0	5.0	4.7	0.0	0.3
Regina	4.7	4.2	5.3	0.5	-0.6
Saskatoon	4.2	4.1	5.0	0.1	-0.8
Calgary	3.4	3.3	3.1	0.1	0.3
Edmonton	3.6	3.3	3.8	0.3	-0.2
Vancouver	4.0	3.7	4.2	0.3	-0.2
Victoria	3.2	3.1	4.1	0.1	-0.9
SASKATCHEWAN					
<u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u>					
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	149.7	149.2	143.5	0.5	6.2
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	54.3	54.3	55.0	0.0	-0.7
Saskatoon-Biggar	161.7	160.3	153.5	1.4	8.2
Yorkton-Melville	41.4	40.2	40.8	1.2	0.6
Prince Albert & Northern	92.4	89.9	90.6	2.5	1.8

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

TABLE 6

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY
FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER**

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Mar-May 2007	Feb-Apr 2007	Mar-May 2006	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<u>TOTAL POPULATION</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	520.2	514.4	507.9	5.8	12.3
Employed ('000)	497.5	492.1	481.2	5.4	16.3
Unemployed ('000)	22.7	22.3	26.7	0.4	-4.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.4	4.3	5.3	0.1	-0.9
Participation Rate (%)	69.5	68.8	68.0	0.7	1.5
Employment Rate (%)	66.5	65.8	64.5	0.7	2.0
<u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	481.5	476.3	469.6	5.2	11.9
Employed ('000)	463.8	458.4	449.2	5.4	14.6
Unemployed ('000)	17.7	18.0	20.4	-0.3	-2.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.7	3.8	4.3	-0.1	-0.6
Participation Rate (%)	69.9	69.2	68.2	0.7	1.7
Employment Rate (%)	67.3	66.6	65.3	0.7	2.0
<u>ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	38.7	38.1	38.3	0.6	0.4
Employed ('000)	33.7	33.7	32.0	0.0	1.7
Unemployed ('000)	5.0	4.4	6.3	0.6	-1.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	12.9	11.5	16.4	1.4	-3.5
Participation Rate (%)	64.9	64.0	65.7	0.9	-0.8
Employment Rate (%)	56.5	56.6	54.9	-0.1	1.6
<u>NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	15.1	15.0	15.8	0.1	-0.7
Employed ('000)	12.8	13.2	12.0	-0.4	0.8
Unemployed ('000)	2.3	1.8	3.8	0.5	-1.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	15.4	11.7	23.9	3.7	-8.5
Participation Rate (%)	55.8	55.5	59.5	0.3	-3.7
Employment Rate (%)	47.2	49.0	45.3	-1.8	1.9
<u>METIS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	23.5	23.0	22.5	0.5	1.0
Employed ('000)	20.9	20.4	20.0	0.5	0.9
Unemployed ('000)	2.7	2.6	2.5	0.1	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.3	11.1	11.2	0.2	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	72.4	70.9	70.9	1.5	1.5
Employment Rate (%)	64.3	63.0	62.9	1.3	1.4

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpreting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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